be to do justice to all and to contribute in whatever way I can to the growth and prosperity of this young and glorious and imperial commonwealth."

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives, at 12:40 o'clock p. m., announced the business of the joint session completed.

On motion of Senator McNealus, the Senate, at 12:40 o'clock p. m., retired to its chamber.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, the House, at 12:40 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

# APPENDIX.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON AP-PROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 74, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 15, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 76, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

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# REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 13, 1917. Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 47, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Messrs. Walker, Roemer and Strayhorn have been appointed to make a full report thereon. DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman. Laney.

#### EIGHTH DAY.

(Wednesday, January 17, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present: .

Bagby. Lange. Baker. Lanier. Beard of Harris. Lee. Beard of Milam. Lindemann. Beasley. Lowe Beason. of McMullen. Bedell. Low Bell. of Washington. Bertram. McComb. Blackburn. McCoy. McDowra. Blackmon. Blalock. McFarland. Bledsoe. McMillin. Boner. Martin. Brown. Meador. Bryan. Mendell. Bryant. Metcalfe. Burton of Rusk. Miller of Austin. Burton of Tarrant. Miller of Dallas. Butler. Monday. Cadenhead. Moore. Morris. Canales. Carlock. Murrell. Cates. Neeley. Clark. Neill. Cope. Nichols. Cox. Nordhaus. Crudgington. O'Banion. Davis of Dallas. O'Brien. Davis of Grimes. Osborne. Davis Parks. of Van Zandt. Peddy. De Bogory. Peyton. Pillow. Denton. Dodd. Poage. Dudley. Pope. Dunnam. Raiden. Estes. Reeves. Fairchild. Richards. Fisher. Robertson. Fitzpatrick. Roemer. Florer. Rogers. Fly. Russell. Greenwood. Sackett. Haidusek. Sallas. Hardey. Sentell. Harris. Schlesinger. Schlosshan. Hartman. Scholl. Hawkins. Hill. Seawright. Sholars. Holland. Smith of Hopkins. Hudspeth. Smith of Scurry. Johnson. Jones. Spencer of Nolan.

Spencer of Wise.

Spradley.

Stewart.

Tinner. Strayhorn. Trayler. Swope. Taylor. Upchurch. Templeton. Valentine. Veatch. Terrell. Thomas. Walker. Thomason White. Williams of El Paso. Thomason of Brazoria. Williams of Nacogdoches. Thompson of McLennan. of Hunt. Williford. Thompson Wilson. of Red River. Woods. Tillotson. Woodul. Tilson.

Bland.

Absent-Excused.

Absent.

Smith of Bastrop. Wahrmund. Tschoepe. Yantis.

A quorum was announced present. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

# LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness: Mr. Yantis, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Davis of Grimes.

Mr. Smith of Bastrop, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Crudgington.

Mr. Wahrmund was granted leave of absence, indefinitely, on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Nordhaus.

# MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. J. H. Davis, Jr., assistant secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House, as follows:

> Executive Office, Austin, Texas, January 11, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

I herewith enclose you itemized list of the deficiency appropriations granted by this Department for the years 1915 and 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,

Governor of Texas.

# DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS GRANTED BY GOVERNOR FERGUSON.

	DEFICIENCY AFFROFRIATIONS GI	TANTED BI GOVERNOR FERGU	SUN.	_
Date.	Dept. or Institution.	Purpose.	Amount	
1916 Mar. 27	State Board of Health	Quarantine inspectors' salary six	s 900	00
Mar. 3	Southwestern Insane Asylum	months Erection and installation of bake ovens	850	
April 7 1915	Live Stock Sanitary Commission	Office rent, stationery, stamps, etc.	- 300	
Oct. 27 Oct. 8	Prairie View Normal and Industrial	Support and maintenance		
Aug. 23 Aug. 23 Aug. 23 Aug. 23	College Juvenile Training School Juvenile Training School Juvenile Training School Juvenile Training School	Making repairs Discharge and transportation	4,500 650	00
Aug. 23	Juvenile Training School	Benairs	4,500	00
Aug. 23	Juvenile Training School	Farm implements	7,375 1,800	00
Aug. 17	Public Buildings and Grounds	Labor and material Capitol	500	
July 23 1916	Governor's Mansion	Support and maintenance		00
May 10 April 14	Blind Institute	Stamps, stationery, etc Fuel, light, water and incidentals Fuel, light, water and incidentals	100	00
April 14	Mansion and Grounds	Fuel, light, water and incidentals	1,500	00
July 31 July 31	Mansion and Grounds	Fuel, light, water and incidentals.	800 250	00
May 13 Mar. 11	Comptroller's Department	Fuel, light, water and incidentals. Postage, tele., express, etc. Track and ties.	2,500	00
Mar. 11	State Railroad	Track and ties	2,500 17,750	00
Mar. 11	Girle' Training School	For ditching. Two cottages. Other track material	1,500	00
Mar. 11	State Railroad	Other track material	1,000	00
Nov. 27 Mar. 11 July 31 Mar. 11 April 26	Game, Fish and Oyster Com	Support and maintenance	1,500 1,900 1,000 1,000 11,000	00
Mar. 11	State Railroad	For permanent work	11,000	00
July 10	State Railroad	Ranger force		
July 10 April 10	State Lunatic Asylum Confederate Woman's Home Confederate Woman's Home West Texas Normal State Hospital for Crippled Children Southwest Texas Normal	Repairs	3.000	ŏŏ
April 10	Confederate Woman's Home	Support and maintenance	3,000	00
July 31	Confederate Woman's Home	Support and maintenance	2,000	00
May 5 April 10	Confederate Woman's Home	Repairs and plumbing	2,000 2,020 2,000 2,000 5,000	00
July 6	State Hospital for Crippled Children	Support and maintenance	2.000	00
July 1	Southwest Texas Normal	Support and maintenance	5,000	00
Oct. 2		Boiler, engine and dynamo	5,000	OU
Oct. 28 Oct. 28	State Purchasing Agent State Board of Health	Salary two guards at Brownsville	300 400	00
July 31	Executive Office	Ranger force.  Repairs  Support and maintenance  Salary two guards at Brownsville Payment of rewards, telephone and telegrams.	400	00
	F			00
July 31	Agricultural and Mechanical College	Pay contingent expenses	. 10 866	00
Aug. 15 July 15	Fire Insurance Commission	Steam plant	· 10,866	00
July 15	Executive Office	Subscriptions to newspapers	1 50	00
July 15	Fire insurance Commission	Contingent expense	100	00
June 23 June 8	Executive Office	Freight and postage Traveling expenses of Governor	200 250	00
April 19	Executive Office	Repairs and improvements	1.350	00
April 19	Sam Houston Normal Mansion and Grounds Warehouse and Marketing Dept	Water supply and fire protection Repairs and improvements	1,350 2,875 1,000	00
June 12 July 28	Mansion and Grounds	Repairs and improvements	1,000	00
July 28		Contingent expense		00
July 7	State Lunatic Asylum	Addition and repairs, cow barn	8,000	00
Jan. 7	State Lunatic Asylum Southwestern Insane Asylum North Texas State Normal	Stamps, etc Addition and repairs, cow barn Repairs Support and maintenance	4,500	00
Oct. 24	North Texas State Normal	Support and maintenance	5,000	00
Jan. 12 Nov. 6	Agricultural and Mechanical College			42 00
Dec. 23	State Lunatic Asylum	Emergency appropriation Emergency appropriation	45,000	00
Dec. 23	State Lunatic Asylum	Emergency appropriation	45,000 23,000	00
	Total		\$ 239,297	69

Executive Office, Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917. To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

Supplementing the itemized list of deficiency appropriations granted by this Department for the years 1915 and 1916, prepared in this office on January 11, 1917, and transmitted to you today with this communication, I desire also to list the deficiency allowance of eleven thousand four hundred and nineteen and 24-100 dollars (\$11,419.24) granted by me on July 8, 1916, to supplement the item for apparatus and equipment in the appropriation made by the Thirty-fourth Legislature for the Sam Houston Normal Institute, with the statement: That on or about July 8, 1916, Hon. A. C. Goeth, President of the State Board of Regents of Normal Colleges for the State of Texas, made oral application to me for this deficiency allowance for said purpose; that said deficiency was then allowed with the understanding that the application be reduced, subsequently, to writing and presented to me for signature; that through oversight

such application was not reduced to writing, although said deficiency was in truth and in fact duly approved by me; that, to insure its formal regularity, A. C. Goeth, President, etc., on January 15, 1917, made affidavit to the facts hereinbefore stated, and, accordingly, I entered my approval thereon nunc protunc as of date July 8, 1916, covering said deficiency application in the amount named and for the purpose specified, as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,

Governor of Texas.

Executive Office, Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature:

In pursuance to law, I herewith enclose you statement of moneys received and disbursed by this Department from January 19, 1915, the time of my inauguration, to January 16, 1917.

Respectfully,

JAS. E. FERGUSON,

Governor of Texas.

# STATEMENT OF ALL MONEYS OFFICIALLY RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FROM JANUARY 19, 1915, TO JANUARY 16, 1917.

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1915 Feb. 5	(a) Lindale, Smith County, Road District. Check received. Checks mailed to 30 convicts.	\$	387	10	s	206	75
	Check mailed to Comptroller				*	180	35
	(\$26.40 being deducted from remittance for transporta-	s	387	10	\$	387	10
Feb. 27	Check received	s	383	50	s	191 191	75
	Check mailed to Comptroller	-		_			_
		S	383	50	\$	383	50
April 6	Check received Checks mailed to 6 convicts. Check mailed to Comptroller.	\$	90	00	\$		00
		s	90	00	2	90	00
	Clark and the l				ľ	, 00	00
May 10	Check received Checks mailed to 6 convicts Check mailed to Comptroller		. 85	00	\$	42 42	50 50
i		\$	85	00	\$	85	00
June 10	Check received	s	15	00			
	Check mailed to 1 convict Check mailed to Comptroller				\$ :		50
		S	15	00	S	.15	00
July 2)	Checks received for \$15.00 each	\$	45	00			
Aug. 9 Sept. 9	On each of said dates check mailed to one convict at \$7,50 each. On each of said dates check to Comptroller for \$7.50 each				\$	22 22	50 50
.		S	45	00	s	45	00
ept. 30	Cheek reseived	s		50	-		-
	Check received	_		50	\$	3	75 75
	. *	\$	7	50	\$	7	50
	(b) Gregg County Road District.						
Feb. 5	Check received	S	193	45	\$	96 96	72 73
		\$	193	45	5	193	45
Mar. 4	Check received	\$	192	90	\$	96	44
7.4	Checks mailed to Comptroller			_	_	96	46
		\$	192	90	\$	192	90
April 7	Check received	\$	132	65			
	Checks mailed to 13 convicts				\$		14 51
	(\$25.65 being deducted from remittance for transporta-	\$	132	65	\$	132	65
	tion, etc.)						
May 10	Check received	\$	27	00	s	13	50 50
		s	27	00	s	27	00
	(c) Tyler, Smith County, Road District.						
Feb. 5	Check received	S	222		s	111	
		s	222	00	s	222	00
Mor E	Cheek received		255		1		-
Mar. 5	Check received	\$	- 200	UU	\$	127 127	50 50

# STATEMENT OF ALL MONEYS OFFICIALLY RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FROM JANUARY 19, 1915, TO JANUARY 16, 1917—Continued.

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1915 April 7.	Check received Checks mailed to 17 convicts Check mailed to Comptroller	\$ 247 50	\$ 123 75 123 75
1		\$ 247 50	\$ 247 50
May 10	Check received	\$ 233 00	\$ 116.50 116.50
4		S 233 00	\$ 233 00
une 4	Check received	\$ 209 00	\$ 104 50 104 50
	Check mailed to Comptroller	0 000 00	
		\$ 209.00	\$ 209 00
uly 6.	Check received Checks mailed to 13 convicts Check mailed to Comptroller		\$ 95 75 95 75
1		\$ 191 50	\$ 191 50
10	Charle resident	\$ 166 00	
Aug. 19	Check received	hat to	\$ 83 00 83 00
		\$ 166 00	\$ 166 00
Sept. 9	Check received Checks mailed to 11 convicts	\$ 158 50	\$ 81 25 77 25
	Check manea to compromission	\$ 158 50	\$ 158.50
	(\$4.00 being deducted from remittance for medicine.)	3 130 30	3 130.50
Oct. 7	Check received	\$ 111 00	\$ 56 00
	Check maked to Comprioner	\$ 111 00	
2.1	(\$1.00 being deducted from remittance for medicine.)	3 . 111,00	3 211 00
Nov. 13	Check received	\$ 81 80	\$ 41.75 40.05
		\$ 81 80	\$ 81 80
	(\$1.70 being deducted from remittance for medicine.)		
Dec. 20	Check received	\$ 69.50	\$ 34 75 34 75
1.4		\$ 69 50	\$ 69 50
1916 Jan. 11	Check received	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00
-	Check mailed to Comptroller		25 00
		\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00
Feb. 19	Check received	\$ 30,00	\$ 15 00 15 00
- 1		\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00
Mar. 10	Check received	\$ 30 00	\$ 15 00
	Check mailed to Comptroller		15 00
9		\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00
April 11	Check received Check mailed to 2 convicts Check mailed to Comptroller	\$ 8 00	\$ 4 00 4 00

# STATEMENT OF ALL MONEYS OFFICIALLY RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FROM JANUARY 19, 1915, TO JANUARY 16, 1917—Continued.

	JANUARY 19, 1915, TO JANUARY 16, 1917—Con	tinu	ed.				
1915 July 13 Aug. 16 Sept. 17 Oct. 14 Nov. 13 Dec. 20 1916 Jan. 13	(d) Crockett Road District.  Checks on each respective date for \$75.00, making a total received  Checks mailed to 5 convicts on each of said dates for \$7.50 each  'Check mailed to Comptroller on each of said dates for \$37.50 each	s	525	00	s	262	
1916 Mar. 3	Check received for February and January Checks mailed to 5 convicts Check mailed to Comptroller	\$	525 150		1		00
April 13	Check received Checks mailed to 5 convicts Check mailed to Comptroller	\$	150 75		1	150 37 37	00 50 50
May 6	Check received	\$	75 75	00	ľ	75	00 50 50
June 23	Check received	s s	75 52	20	1	- 75	00
July 25 \ Aug. 21   Sept. 14	Check mailed to Comptroller	\$	52	20	\$		20
Oct. 16 Nov. 17 Dec. 16 1917 Jan. 12	checks received on each of said dates for \$45.00 each, aggregating.  Checks mailed to 3 convicts on each of said dates for \$7.50 each, aggregating  Checks mailed to Comptroller on each of said dates for \$22.50 each, aggregating	\$	315		\$	157 157	-
, 1		\$	315	00	\$	315	00
First Natio	(e) Canyon City Normal Insurance Fund. s of Deposit and Balances in Banks Received January 1 from Governor O. B. Colquitt, as follows: onal Bank, Canyon City	*****		s	10	0,000 66	00 67
Texas Trus	st Company, Austin			1	10	0,000	00
First State Interest co	Bank, Canyon City				5	5,000 81	
First Natio	onal Bank, Plainviewllected on same.				2	607	00 07
	onal Bank, Amarillollected on same.				45	166 166	
F 10 6440 CO CO CO CO	warrants, cashed by Governor Colquitt			1-	_	1,846	-
Т	otal			\$	101	607	18
1915 Jan. 23 May 5 June 10 July 7 Aug. 7 Oct. 2 Nov. 3 Dec. 1	Disbursements.  J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.  J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer.				10 10 13 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	1,000 5,000 0,000 0,000 3,507 0,000 5,000 5,156	00 00 35 00 00
Jan. 6 Feb. 2 Mar. 4 April 26	J. M. Edwards, State Treasurer			L	4	3,000 3,200 4,000 1,743	00
				1.00	***	COM	10

# STATEMENT OF ALL MONEYS OFFICIALLY RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FROM JANUARY 19, 1915, TO JANUARY 16, 1917—Continued.

	(f) Galveston Storm Sufferers.					
	Received from appeal to the people of Texas, through the public Received from National Red Cross Society	press.	\$	2	,949	00
	Total		5	- 3	.949	40
1915	Disbursements.					
Aug. 27 Aug. 30 Aug. 31 Aug. 31 Aug. 21 Sept. 1 Sept. 2	Check issued to J. F. Wolters for distribution among sufferers	***********	i i		500 350 200 200 500 200 62 500 225	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
1916	J. R. Boddeker, Galveston To J. H. Black, J. A. Boddeker and John Egert, Galveston To J. H. Black, J. A. Boddeker and John Egert, Galveston				500 500	00
April 4	To J. Stern & Son, Austin, part payment 26 bushels Mexican June seed sent to Mrs. C. F. Patrick, League City	corn		1	11	90
	Total		\$	3	,949	40
	(g) Texas National Guard.		1			
1915 Mar. 4	Received draft of Hirsh & Sons, of St. Louis, being amount reco on stolen property of Texas National Guard, sold to said	vered				
uly 14	Refund on bond of J. R. Sims, from American Indemnity Co		3	3	,050 223	58
	Total		\$	3	,273	58
	Disbursements.				50	
	Geo. M. Bowie for rent on building used as armory at Weather not paid for by J. R. Sims.	ford,	\$		157	54
25.0	Balance on hand January 16, for account of Texas National Guard	d	\$	3	.116	04
	(h) Location of King's Highway.					
1915 Dec. 20	Received from Mrs. Lipscomb Norvell, Beaumont, Texas		\$	2	,000	00
	No Disbursements.					
1 .	Balance on hand January 16, 1916		\$	2	,000	00
ya.e	(i) Good Road Fund.	1	1			
1916 June 11 Nov. 13 Nov. 28	Received from D. E. Colp, Secretary		\$		200 30 57	60
1917 an. 1	Received from D. E. Colp, Secretary				35	05
	Total		-		322	70
1010	Disbursements.	2 .				9
Nug. 3 Sept. 30 Oct. 10 Nov. 13 Nov. 28	Check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses				16 107 51 21 33 57	95 35 01
1917	Check to Geo. D. Marshall, expenses				35	05
: *	Total			_	322	_
ransmi	d as fees for issuing 167 extradition warrants at \$2.00 each, regating	334	00	5	224	-
, on			-	-	334	-
	Total\$	334	00	\$	334	0

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Smith of Scurry, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Spencer of Nolan, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Blackmon:

H. B. No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth, and Seventieth Judicial Districts so as to declare what counties compose the Thirty-second, Thirty-ninth, and Seventieth Judicial Districts; to fix the time for holding court in the various counties of said district; to make the processes issued to serve before this act takes effect, including recognizance and bonds returnable to the terms of court as herein fixed, and continuing in office judges and district attorneys in each of said districts; to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Brown, Mr. Hartman, Mr. Woodul and Mr. Russell:

H. B. No. 276, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Eighty-first Judicial District of the State of Texas, to reorganize the Thirty-sixth and Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of said State, to provide for the appointment of a district attorney in said Thirty-sixth Judicial District as reorganized, and to provide for the appointment of a district judge for said Eighty-first Judicial District, and to provide for the continuance in office of the present district attorney of the Thirty-sixth Judicial District of Texas, as district attorney of the Eighty-first Judicial District of Texas, residing in Wilson county, Texas; to provide for the continuance in office of the present district judge and district attorney of the Forty-ninth Judicial District of Texas. to fix the time of holding the district courts of said districts, to provide for the time when this act shall take effect, to make all process heretofore issued, as well as bonds and recognizances heretofore entered into conform thereto; to provide that the grand and petit jurors drawn and selected under existing laws in any of the counties of said judicial district shall be considered legally drawn and selected for the term of the

district court of their respective counties, held after this act takes effect, and providing that this act take effect on August 1, 1917; to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Robertson (by request):

H. B. No. 277, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1003, Article 1004 and Article 1005, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to the condemnation by incorporated cities and towns and public utility companies or corporations of private property for opening or widening streets, avenues or alleys, or for construction or extension of gas or electric light plants, or waterworks, water mains, supply reservoirs or standpipe for waterworks, or sewers, etc., and for laying sewer pipes and acquiring outfall, etc., whenever it is made to appear necessary for such purnoses, and providing for condemnation by cities and towns of private property for the purpose of construction, operation and maintenance of waterworks, and providing the proceedings for such condemnation, and authorizing any public service company or corporation organized or chartered under the laws of Texas for the purpose of constructing gas, electric light, water-works and furnishing gas, light, or water to any town or city, or the inhabitants thereof; to condemn and appropriate any private land reasonably necessary for its use and for such purposes by paying just compensation therefor, and prescribing the proceedings for such condemnation: to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Boner:

H. B. No. 278, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 50a. Chapter 12. Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, as amended by Section 1. Chapter 100. Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved March 23, 1911, relating to the creation of common county line school districts, and vesting the county school trustees with authority to create such districts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Boner:

H. B. No. 279, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 656, Title 8, Chapter 2, of the Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas of 1911, relating to special venires; providing that orders for special venire shall not be issued unless the State insists upon the death penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Cope, Mr. Miller of Dallas, Mr. Peyton and Mr. Florer:

H. B. No. 280, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining common carrier pipe lines engaged, or to engage, in the transportation of petroleum oil; declaring all corporations, persons, partnerships, or associations of persons now engaged, or to hereafter engage, in transporting petroleum oil from place to place in this State to be common carriers; declaring such common carriers to be public utilities, and making them subject to the provisions of this act; giving the Railroad Commission of Texas the power to regulate the rate of such transportation by such common carriers; granting them the right to establish, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines upon their rights of way in connection with their business, and to build -and maintain their lines under and across or along streams, highways and streets as other common carriers within this State; and providing against discrimination in favor of or against individuals, associations of persons or corporations in the conduct of their business; requiring them to exchange tonnage with other common carriers, and to receive and transport petroleum oil tendered to them for transportation; empowering said Commission to make rules and regulations for their conduct, and to require the construction and maintenance by them of loading racks and transfer and delivery stations, and the transfer and delivery of petroleum from such common carrier to another, and to fix the amount of deduction to be made therefrom on account of evaporation and leakage, and giving said Commission plenary power to make rules and regu-lations for the control of such carriers, and power to enforce their rules and regulations and the provisions of this act; fixing penalties for violation of this act, and the rules and orders of said Commission; making certain violations a criminal offense, and fixing the penalty therefor, and providing means I

for the recovery of such penalties as are not made criminal, either by the State of Texas or the party aggrieved by such violation, naming the tribunal in which such recovery may be had; providing for the employment of an expert to assist the Commission, fixing his salary; levying a tax to pay such salary and other expenses and making an appropriation therefor; repealing all laws in conflict with this act; providing that the invalidity of any part of this act shall not invalidate the remaining parts hereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Mines and Mining.

By Mr. Jones:

H. B. No. 281, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate certificates of indebtedness issued by commissioners of improvement districts situated in this State to contractors for services rendered in repairing levees partly de-stroyed by caving banks of rivers during the overflows of the year 1915, and to provide for and authorize the levy and collection of a tax in such districts by commissioners courts in the counties where such districts are situated with which to pay the principal and accruing interest of such certificates, and to issue refunding certificates payable in annual installments for a period of not exceeding ten years."

Referred to Committee on Internal

improvements.

By Mr. Beason:

H. B. No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1121, Chapter 2, Title 25. Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to private corporations by adding thereto Section 77; providing for the building and operating dry docks and marine ways, repairing and constructing vessels and doing other repair and construction work in connection therewith."

Referred to Committee on Private Corporations.

By Mr. O'Brien:

H. B. No. 283, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by the Thirty-third Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named so as to include Jefferson county, and exempting a part of said Jefferson county from

the provisions of the law, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

By Mr. Carlock:

H. B. No. 284, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the giving of an additional supersedeas bond in cases pending on appeal or writ of error in the Supreme Court or the Courts of Civil Appeals, wherever after the execution of the original bond the same becomes insufficient by reason of the death or insolvency of the sureties on such bond, or from any other cause, and providing for the repeal of such laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock:

H. B. No. 285, A bill to be entitled "An Act to give authority to probate courts when administering on an insolvent estate whose principal assets consist of encumbered estate, to order the equity of the decedent in such to be sold subject to the payment of the purchaser of the debts chargeable by lien against said real estate; and to fix the fees of the administrator for his services in such cases; and to release such estates from the payment of attorney's fees in cases where the said land is sold under the provisions of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock:

H. B. No. 286, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 146 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 1, 1915, beginning at page 229 of said published laws of said Legislature, and being an act providing for the commissioners court to establish levee improvement districts, etc., by adding thereto Sections 34a and 34b, relating to the assessment and collection of the taxes of such districts, and empowering the supervisor of any levee districts to appoint a special assessor and collector to assess and collect the levce taxes in such districts; to require the giving of a bond of such special officer, to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Carlock:

H. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1318 of the Revised Civil Statutes, providing that no foreign corporation doing business in Texas can maintain any suit in the courts of this State upon any demand arising out of contract or tort unless at the time of such contract or tort it had filed its articles of incorporation under the provisions of Chapter 26, Title 25, of said Revised Statutes, but further providing that where a corporation whose permits to do business in Texas has expired by limitation and a new permit has been obtained, this inhibition shall not apply to any demand arising out of contract or tort after the expiration of said permit and before the issuance of a new permit."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock:

H. B. No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5661, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, Title 86, Chapter 7, relating to the registration of chattel mortgages, and to provide the effect to be given to the registration to such mortgages, where the same relates to property sold to be thereafter attached to the realty as a fixture; to provide for a special book in which such chattel mortgages shall be registered; to regulate the manner of registering the same, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Stewart:

H. B. No. 289, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of pension warrants where the pensioner dies during the quarter for which the warrant was issued, the cancellation of the same, and the issuance of a mortuary warrant to pay the funeral expenses of the deceased pensioner, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in

Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Holland and Mr. Fairchild:

H. B. No. 290, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 901, Title 10, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas of 1911, relating to appeals in cases of felony, so as to render recognizance effective when cases are reversed."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in

Criminal Procedure.

By Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Denton:

H. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the placing, erection, use and maintenance of electric poles, wires, cables and appliances, and providing the punishment for the vio-lation thereof."

Referred to Committee on Criminal

Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Williams of Brazoria:

H. B. No. 292, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing Brazoria Independent School District in Brazoria county, Texas, defining and describing it by metes and bounds, providing for election of trustees therefor, providing for it to assume the outstanding. indebtedness of Common School District No. 21 in said county, vesting in it the title to all school property of said Common School District No. 21, providing for the government thereof as under the general law applicable to towns and villages incorporated for free school purposes only, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Dunnam and Mr. Spencer of Wise:

H. B. No. 293, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the owners, receivers or lessees of steam and interurban railways in this State to install and operate at certain places where the lines of such railways cross a public highway a bell or bells, with necessary apparatus, and to cause such bells to be so operated as to give warning of the approach of all trains, engines or cars to such crossings from the time when such engines, trains or cars are within one-quarter of a mile thereof, and until they shall have crossed the same; providing penalties for violation of this act, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on Common

. Carriers.

By Mr. McDowra and Mr. McCoy:

H. B. No. 294, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower Lamar county or any political subdivision or defined district of said county by a two-thirds vote of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of such county or political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds in any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county or of such political subdivision or defined dis-

trict, and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof and for the maintenance of said roads during the life of such bonds for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, and to repeal Chapter 3 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, and Chapter 15 of the Special Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature and all other special road laws for Lamar county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

Senate bill No. 107, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

### TO CREATE ADDITIONAL STAND-ING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Cope offered the following resolu-

Whereas, The production, transportation and refining of oil in this State has become one of the chief products; and

Whereas, There will be much legislation to be considered upon these subjects during this session of the Legislature and bills that have been introduced upon this subject have been referred to various committees; and

Whereas, It will be to the best interest of the membership of this House that all bills upon this subject should be referred to and considered by one

committee; therefore, be it Resolved, That there is hereby created a committee consisting of fifteen members, to be known as "The Committee on Oil Industry," and the Speaker is hereby directed to appoint this committee as the rules provide.

Signed-Cope, Burton of Tarrant, Holland, O'Brien. Miller of Dallas,

Greenwood, Metcalfe.

The resolution was read and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Rules.

INVITATION TO HON. WILLIAM H. WADHAMS.

Mr. Woods offered the following reso-

Whereas, Hon. William H. Wadhams, Judge of the Court of General Sessions of the city of New York, Chairman of the Legal Committee, National Committee on Prisons, a forceful and effective speaker on subjects connected with the great prison problems before the country, will be in the city of Austin and will deliver one or more lectures at the University of Texas and under the auspices of the University, and the present Legislature is vitally interested in these subjects to which Judge Wadhams has given much thought; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That Judge Wadhams be invited to address the House in the Hall of Representatives on Friday night, January 19th, at 8 o'clock, and that the Governor of the State, the members of the Senate and others, citizens of Austin and elsewhere interested in such sub-

jects, be invited to attend.

Signed-Woods, Tillotson.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY PORTERS.

Mr. Mendell offered the following res--olution:

Resolved, That Wallas Rose, T. W. Williams and Henry Clark be paid the sum of \$4.00 each for two days' work each as temporary porters.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted. .

# PROVIDING FOR RENOVATION OF SPEAKER'S ROOM.

Mr. Davis of Grimes offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It is reported that the Speaker's rooms are in an insanitary condition and a menace to the health of the occupants; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make due examination and inquiry into said condition, and that they be empowered to take such action as they may deem necessary to render said rooms sanitary, and the same be paid for out of the contingent fund.

Signed-Davis of Grimes, Walker.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee: Messrs. Davis of Grimes, Dodd and Roemer.

#### TO PROVIDE FOR VISITING COM-MITTEES.

Mr. Cox offered the following resolu-

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint committees composed of not less than three nor more than five members each to visit the following institutions and Departments of State, viz.:

- The State School for the Blind.
- 2. The State School for the Deaf and Dumb.
  - 3. The State University.
- The A. and M. College at College Station.
  - 5. The Confederate Home.
  - 6. Confederate Woman's Home.
- 7. All of the asylums for the in-
  - The Department of Education. 8.
  - 9. The Comptroller's Department.
  - 10. The State Treasury.
- 11. The Attorney General's Department.
  - The General Land Office. 12.
- 13. The Department of Insurance and Banking.
- 14. The Department of Keeper of Capitol Building and Grounds.
- The Adjutant General's Department.
- 16. The Office of State Revenue Agent.
- 17. The State Warehouse Commission, and any other State institution or department for the support of which this Legislature may be called upon to make appropriations; provided, that there shall be a separate committee for each of the departments or institutions of the State.

It shall be the duty of the committees herein provided for to visit the respective departments or institutions to which they may be assigned, make a thorough investigation of conditions, ascertain their needs with reference to furniture, employes, buildings and improvements, and report their findings in writing to the Committee on Appropriations.

Such committees shall be authorized to summon witnesses, employ stenographers and do all other things necessary for the efficient performance of their duty.

They shall be entitled to receive their necessary traveling expenses, including railroad fare and hotel bills which, together with the expense of the employment of such aid as they may deem necessary, shall be paid out of the con-

tingent fund of the House.

The resolution was read and was referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Appropriations.

# ADOPTING MASCOT OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. McFarland offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That Master Joe Bryant, the four-year-old son of the gentleman from Haskell, be and is hereby adopted by the House as the "Mascot of the House."

Signed-McFarland, Spradley, Thom-

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

### RELATING TO ACCOUNTS AGAINST GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

Mr. Davis of Van Zandt offered the

following resolution:

Whereas, The Supreme Court of Texas has recently refused a writ of error in the case of W. C. Middleton vs. H. B. Terrell, Comptroller, involving

certain constitutional questions; and Whereas, The opinion of the Court of Civil Appeals, Fourth Supreme Judicial District, by W. S. Fly, Chief Justice, held in the above named cause that under the Constitution of the State the Legislature of the State can appropriate the sum of four thousand (\$4000) dollars, and no more, for the Governor's salary, and that all appropriations made for "groceries and incidentals" for the Governor's Mansion are illegal and unconstitutional; and

. Whereas, Certain amounts were appropriated by the Thirty-fourth Legislature for such illegal and unconstitutional purposes; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, That the Attorney General of the State be, and he is hereby instructed to enter suit for the recovery of such amounts as have been thus unconstitutionally appropriated and used.

Signed-Davis of Van Zandt, O'Banion, Tinner.

The resolution was read and referred by the Speaker to the Judiciary Committee.

# TENDERING USE OF THE HALL.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following resolution:

be tendered the Texas Good Roads As- it was adopted.

sociation for a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock.

Signed-Tillotson, McFarland, Bryan.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

# RELATING TO DELIVERY OF MAIL.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following

resolution:
Whereas, Many members of the House live great distances from the Capitol and need their mail delivered promptly, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a committee of three members to arrange for distribution of the House mail on Sundays.

The resolution was read second time and was lost.

#### RELATING TO BLOCK PICTURE.

Mr. Sackett, chairman, submitted the report of the committee to investigate the propositions made by the photographers who desire to make a block picture of the members of the House, which report was read to the House, as follows:

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: The special committee appointed to investigate the matter of a block picture of the members of the House, beg to report that we have visited both studios offering to make the pictures free of charge, and find the facilities of both parties about the same. The two propositions are identical except the Elliotts, in addition, offer to give each member of both House and Senate one 18x22 copy of the large block picture, and in addition to furnish all newspaper prints free of charge.

SACKETT. BAKER, PARKS,

Committee.

(Mr. Fly in the chair.)

Mr. Canales moved that the proposition of the Elliotts, as stated in the above report, be accepted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved as a substitute that the proposition of Jensen & Raymer be accepted.

Mr. Blalock moved the previous question on the pending motions, and the

main, question was ordered.

Resolved, That the Hall of the House motion of Mr. Williams of McLennan,

The motion as substituted was then

adopted.

Mr. Williams of McLennan moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion as substituted was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Hansford county the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and general statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully, JOHN D. McCALL, Secretary of the Senate.

#### BILLS RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Dallas, House bill No. 235 was withdrawn from the Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure and re-referred to Committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, House bill No. 127 was withdrawn from the Committee on Revenue and Taxation and re-referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Upchurch moved that House bill No. 232 be withdrawn from the Committee on Labor and re-referred to the Committee on Common Carriers.

Mr. Blalock moved to table the motion to re-refer, and the motion to table was lost.

Question recurring on the motion to re-refer, it prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Pope, House bill No. 66 was withdrawn from the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and

re-referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

### PROVIDING FORM OF PRINTED BILLS.

Mr. McFarland offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 3, Providing the form

for printed bills:

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, both houses concurring, That the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature be authorized to change the form of the printed bills so as to provide for a page of forty lines of ten-point type, exclusive of the folio line, each line to contain thirty-three and skx-tenths of ten-point ems, for which the contractor for printing shall be paid \$1.50 per printed page. Signed-McFarland, Tillotson.

The resolution was read second time

and was adopted.

# SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEET-INGS.

The Speaker announced the following schedule for committee meetings:

Agriculture-Monday, Wednesday and

Friday at 8:30 a. m.

Common Carriers-Monday, Wednes-

day and Friday at 10 a. m.

Constitutional Amendments-Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Jurisprudence - Tuesday, Criminal Thursday and Saturday at 10 a. m.

Education-Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 a. m.

Game and Fisheries-Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Insurance-Tuesday, Thursday Saturday at 11 a. m.

Irrigation-Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a. m.

Judiciary-Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a. m.

Labor-Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Penitentiaries-Tuesday and Friday

at 10 a. m. State Affairs-Tuesday, Thursday and

Saturday at 8:30 a. m. Public Health-Monday and Friday

at 7:30 p. m.

Public Lands and Land Office-Tuesday and Friday at 10 a. m.

Reforms in Civil Procedure-Monday,

Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m. Revenue and Taxation-Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a. m.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries-Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a. m.

Stock and Stock Raising-Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a. m.

Privileges, Suffrage and Elections-Wednesday and Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Municipal Corporations - Wednesday at 9 a. m.

Public Buildings and Grounds-Tuesday and Friday at 10 a. m.

Liquor Traffic—Saturday at 11 a.m. Private Corporations—Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Mines and Mining-Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Counties-Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Banks and Banking-Monday and Friday at 9 a. m.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Woods moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

# APPENDIX

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CON-STITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 1, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 11, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 5, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Estes.

Fisher.

Florer.

Fairchild.

Fitzpatrick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, January 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the support and maintenance of the State Quarantine Station at Brownsville, Texas, and other points within the State for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed. DENTON, Chairman.

# NINTH DAY.

(Thursday, January 18, 1917.)

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby. Baker. Greenwood. Beard of Harris. Haidusek. Beard of Milam. Hardey. Beasley. Harris. Bedell. Hartman. Bell. Hawkins. Bertram. Hill. Blackburn. Holland. Blackmon. Hudspeth. Blalock. Johnson. Bland. Jones. Bledsoe. Laas. Boner. Lacey. Brown. Laney. Lange. Bryan. Bryant. Lanier. Burton of Rusk. T.ee. Burton of Tarrant. Lindemann. Butler. Lowe Cadenhead. of McMullen. Canales. Low of Washington. Carlock. McComb. Cates: Clark, McCoy. Cope. McDowra. Cox. McFarland. McMillin. Crudgington. Davis of Dallas. Martin. Davis of Grimes. Meador. Davis Mendell. of Van Zandt. Metcalfe. De Bogory. Miller of Austin. Miller of Dallas. Denton. Dodd. Monday. Dudley. Moore. Dunnam. Morris.

Murrell.

Neill.

Nichols.

Neeley.

Nordhaus.